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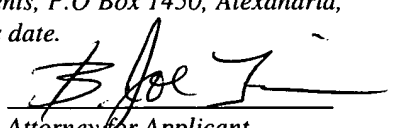
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of:)
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Applicant(s): Shida et al.)
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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING)
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AND MAGNETIC STORAGE)
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AMENDMENT E

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: